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Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Coalition Type

Domestic violence/Sexual assault coalition

Year Formed

1986

Year Incorporated

1992

Staff

3 full-time-equivalent staff members

Fiscal Year

January 1995 - December 1995

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Member Programs and Services

For fiscal year 1995, a total of 17 domestic violence and sexual assault programs operated in the state of Vermont. All of these programs were members of the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Twelve programs provided both domestic violence and sexual assault services. Another three programs provided domestic violence services exclusively, with the remaining two programs focusing on sexual assault services only.

Almost two-thirds of the member programs provided special components for an older or elderly population. Children, those with disabilities, and women living in rural areas were also noted as special populations served by some member programs.

Exhibit 1 shows the number of member programs that offered different domestic violence services. All programs offered support groups for women, community education or a speaker's bureau, and training for professionals who work with victims of domestic violence.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=15)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
14	Independently run domestic violence hotline
5	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
15	Support group for women
14	Legal advocacy program
9	Medical advocacy program
5	Specific support program for sheltered children
11	Services for non-sheltered children
14	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
13	Education programs in colleges or universities
15	Community education/speakers bureau
15	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
5	Transitional/second-stage housing
2	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
10	Other services (<i>referral to safe homes, court education program, substance abuse program, supervised visitations on children's behalf, referral to batterer's treatment, household goods, moving staff, food, bank services, criminal prosecution</i>)

Exhibit 2 depicts the number of member programs that offered various sexual assault services for fiscal year 1995 in Vermont. Most of the 14 programs that offered sexual assault services indicated that they devoted approximately 25 to 35 percent of their efforts towards sexual assault services; the remaining 65 to 75 percent of their efforts were dedicated to domestic violence services. All of the programs that provided sexual assault services offered community education or a speakers bureau, and training for professionals working with victims of sexual assault. In addition, all programs that offered sexual assault services provided adult accompaniment and advocacy services.

**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=14)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
14	Independently run sexual assault hotline
12	One-on-one counseling
13	Support group for adult women
9	Support group for teenage girls
5	Support group for male victims
10	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
2	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
2	Secondary support group for parents of victims
14	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
10	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
13	Legal advocacy program
11	Medical advocacy program
12	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
10	Education programs in colleges or universities
14	Community education/speakers bureau
14	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
6	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
5	Other services (<i>hospital advocacy, rape kit training, one-on-one help with spouses and partners of victims, counseling for parents, in-school mediation</i>)

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

The Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault spent 40 percent of the coalition's effort on services advocacy, i.e., work to support the growth and development of community-based domestic violence or sexual assault programs in the state of Vermont. This type of work may have included the provision of training and technical assistance to those providing direct services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Another one-fourth of the network's effort went towards systems advocacy, i.e., work to effect policy and/or procedural change in order to improve the institutional response to domestic violence or sexual assault. Finally, the network spent 20 percent of the time on educating and mobilizing the general public around domestic violence and sexual assault issues; 10 percent, on statewide planning; and 5 percent, on administration of the network. Figure 1 displays the percentage of effort directed towards each of these program areas.

Special Projects of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition

The Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault identified two special projects undertaken to enhance prevention of and response to domestic violence during fiscal year 1995. Both projects were federally funded and were directed towards effecting policy and/or procedural change in order to improve the institutional response to domestic violence or sexual assault.

Statewide Council on Family Violence

Description: The Statewide Council on Family Violence was established to review policy on domestic violence and make recommendations to the state legislature. The council was established by the Governor of Vermont and the state Supreme Court and consists of teachers, the clergy, and state judges, as well as those from other professions. The council also initially established and provided training for 12 county task forces. The goal of the task forces was to set up local protocol in each of their counties.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Federal funding

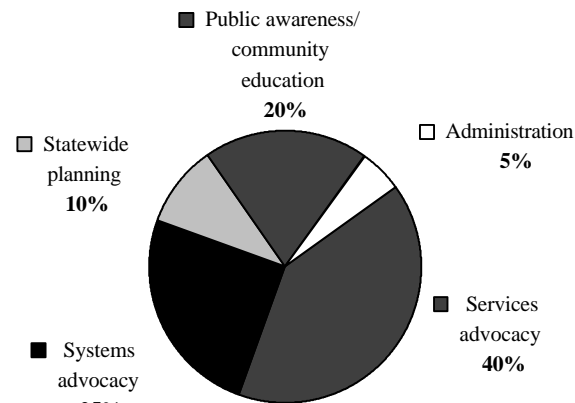
Older Battered Women's Project

Description: This project was designed to increase access to domestic violence and sexual assault services for women aged 60 and older. Specifically, the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's programs created safe homes for long-term shelter for older women. In addition, the network, as well as individual programs, engaged in public education on behalf of older women living in domestic violence situations. The public education has taken the form of brochures, posters, public service announcements, and public outreach presentations.

Purpose: Systems advocacy, Services advocacy

Funding source: Federal funding

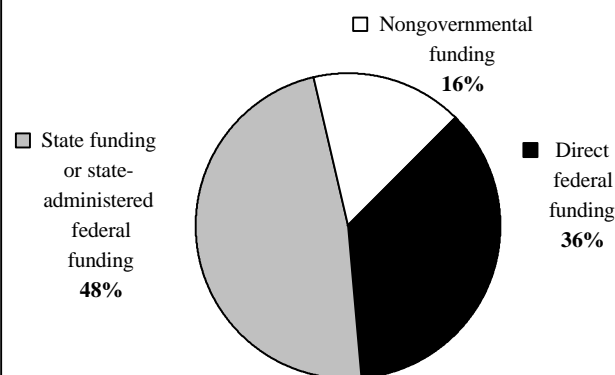
Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence/sexual assault coalition level among various operations



Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault received funding that fell into the fourth quartile of all funding reported by state domestic violence coalitions (\$425,001 or more). Almost one-half of the network's funding came from state agencies. The majority of the remaining monies came directly from the federal government, and nongovernmental sources provided less than one-fifth of the network's total funding. Figure 2 displays the percentage of funds received from each of these three sources.

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



The network spent less than half of its funding to support its operating expenses and/or special projects. Member programs received 53 percent of the network's funding, and less than 3 percent of funds was retained by the network for expenditures in future fiscal years.

Federal and State Funding

Two sources provided the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with its federal funding in fiscal year 1995. Both the state coalition grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the Administration on Aging contributed money to the network (exhibit 3).

Almost 95 percent of the state funding came from a state formula grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. The remaining state funds came from three state sources: the Vermont Council on Arts, the state agency on Human Services, and the Department of Health.

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant Administration on Aging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant Vermont Council on the Arts Human Services Department of Health

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Nongovernmental funding provided the smallest amount of funding for the network in fiscal year 1995. Approximately one-half of this nongovernmental funding came from foundation or corporate grants. Another one-fourth of the network's nongovernmental funding came from local program dues. The remaining 25 percent came from four additional sources, which included private donations, general membership dues, training income, and other miscellaneous sources. Exhibit 4 shows the percentage of funding contributed by each of these nongovernmental sources. Training income and miscellaneous sources is shown as "other nongovernmental sources."

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	50%
Private donations	17%
Local program dues	25%
General membership dues	1%
Other nongovernmental sources	7%

***Nongovernmental funding was 16% of total funding.**

Funds Passed to Local Programs

The Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault distributed approximately half of its funding to its member programs. The majority of this funding was provided by a state formula grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. The remaining funds came from the federal Administration on Aging Grant.

Vermont State Government Agencies

Three state agencies provided funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services in Vermont. Two of the agencies received all of their funding from federal sources, while the third agency received monies from both federal and state sources. Each of the fiscal years reported by state agencies was different from the others, as well as being different from that of the state coalition. The fiscal year for each agency, along with its role and sources of funding, is reported below.

Agency of Human Services, Planning Division

Fiscal year: October 1994 - September 1995

The Planning Division of the Agency for Human Services in Vermont received \$200,000 in funding for its reported fiscal year. All of this money came from the federal state formula grant of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. The division then distributed \$196,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The agency kept \$4,000 to use for administrative costs.

Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services**Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995**

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services distributed funds for both domestic violence and sexual assault programs. All of the \$216,000 they received came from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

The center distributed approximately 84 percent, or \$182,000, of its funding to support sexual assault services or programs. The majority of money that was dispersed for sexual assault services went to other state government agencies, with a smaller amount of funds being distributed to nonprofit agencies. Sixteen percent of the funding received by the center was used to support state government agencies that provide domestic violence services or programs.

Governor's Council on Women**Fiscal year: July 1995 - June 1996**

Two governmental sources provided the Governor's Council on Women with \$631,000 in funding for its reported fiscal year. The federal Victims of Crime Act provided the council with 22 percent of its total funding, and the state's tax revenues/general fund provided the remaining 78 percent of funding.

Approximately three-fourths of the council's funding was distributed to 15 local domestic violence programs, all of which were members of the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The rest of the funds were disseminated to 14 local sexual assault programs, all of which were also members of the same network.

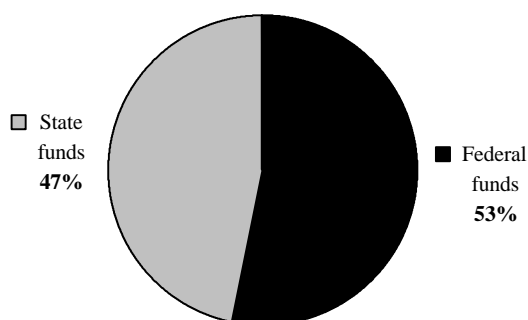
Federal and State Funding Reported by Vermont State Government Agencies

Both federal and state sources provided similar amounts of funding to Vermont state agencies for domestic violence and sexual assault services. Figure 3 portrays the percentage of funds provided by federal and state sources, and exhibit 5 details the dollar amounts from each type of government source.

Exhibit 5. Federal and state funding totals reported by Vermont state agencies

Federal	\$553,000
State	\$495,000
Total	\$1,048,000

Figure 3. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by Vermont state agencies

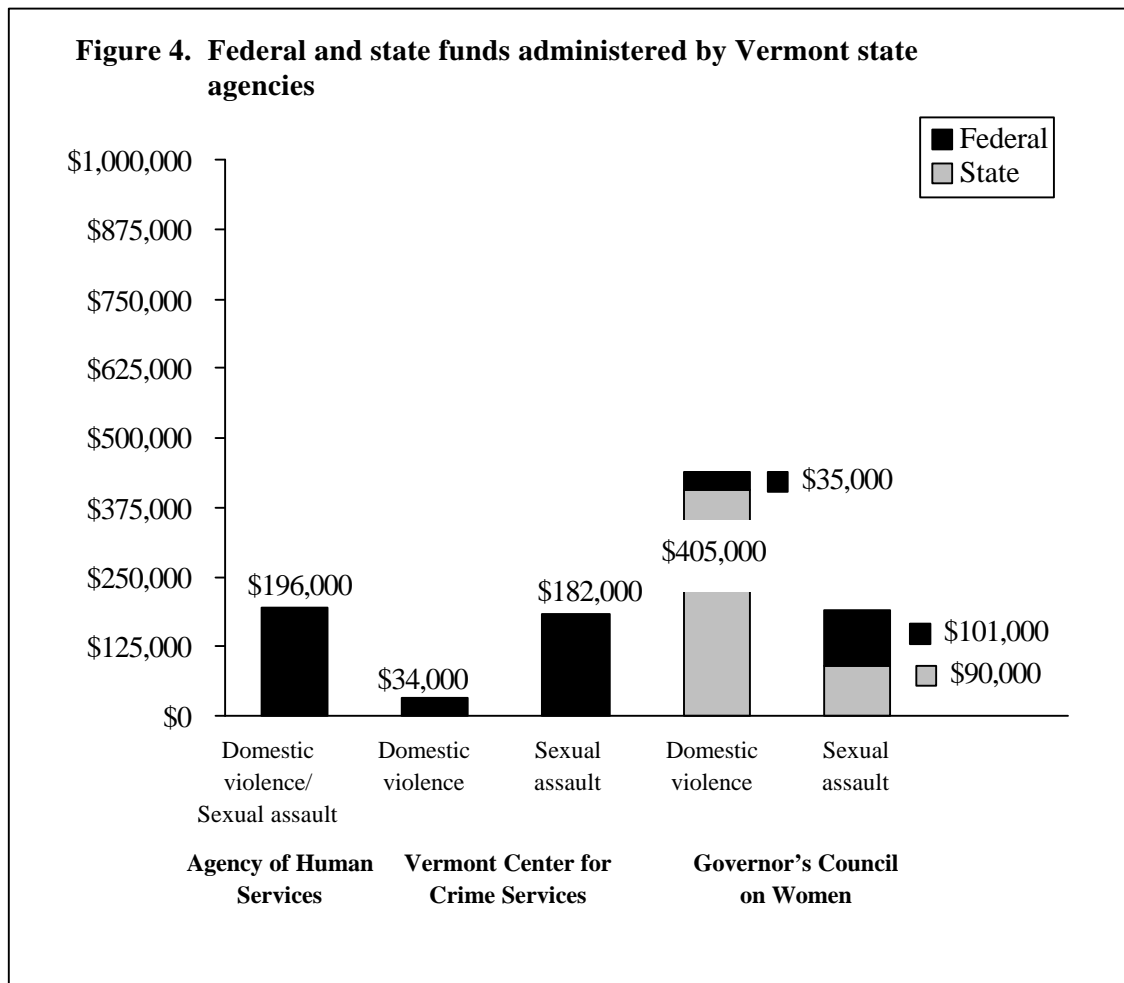


The largest single source of funds for the three state agencies in Vermont came from the state's tax revenues or general fund. This fund provided almost one-half of all of the funding received by the three state agencies. Two federal sources supplied the remaining funds. The majority of federal funding came from the Victims of Crime Act, with the balance in federal funds having been supplied by the state formula grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (exhibit 6).

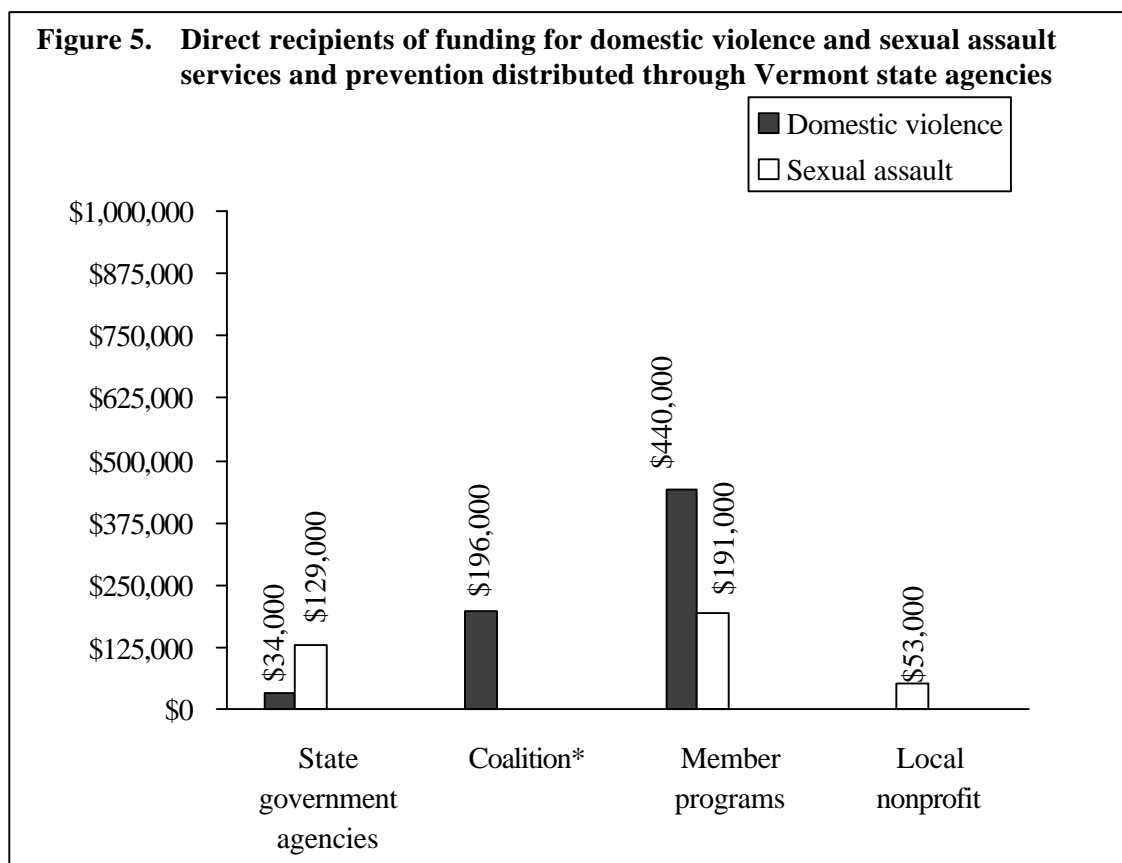
Exhibit 6. Sources of government funding reported by Vermont state agencies

<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$353,000 • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), state formula grant - \$200,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax revenues/general fund - \$495,000

Figure 4 depicts the amount of money that each of the three state agencies distributed to organizations that provide domestic violence services or sexual assault services. The Agency of Human Services could not report separately for domestic violence and sexual assault funding, so the two services are combined into one bar in figure 4 for this agency. The other two state agencies distributed monies to domestic violence and sexual assault, with domestic violence services receiving slightly more than sexual assault services (\$440,000 versus \$373,000). Only the Governor's Council on Women dispensed state monies.



As figure 5 shows, local domestic violence programs received the largest amount of funding from Vermont state agencies. The domestic violence/sexual assault coalition and local sexual assault programs received nearly equal amounts of funding. However, the coalition passed on 45 percent of its funding to member programs that provided both domestic violence and sexual assault services in Vermont.



*The money distributed to the coalition was used for both domestic violence and sexual assault services. The agency that supplied the coalition with its funding could not designate how much was used for domestic violence services or sexual assault services, thus the one bar represents both domestic violence and sexual assault.

Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

Each of the three state agencies in Vermont disbursed money to one or more local programs that provided domestic violence and/or sexual assault services. The Vermont Agency of Human Services funded 15 local programs that rendered services for domestic violence or sexual assault. The Vermont Center for Crime Victims provided money to one local domestic violence program and one local sexual assault program. Finally, the Governor's Council on Women funded a total of 29 local programs; 15 domestic violence and 14 sexual assault. All of the local programs funded by each of the state agencies were members of the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

